



# HONEY



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Honey production in 2007 was 11,360,000 pounds, 18 percent below 2006. Florida ranked third in production behind California and North Dakota. There were 160,000 honey producing colonies in Florida in 2007. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. The average honey yield was 71 pounds per colony, ten pounds less than in 2006. Producers received an average of 99 cents per pound for the honey, down two cents per pound from the previous year. The value of Florida honey production in 2007 was \$11.2 million, down from the 2006 value of \$13.9 million.

FLORIDA: Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value, and Stocks, 1998-2007

Year	Colonies of bees <sup>1/</sup>	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound	Value	Stocks Dec 15 <sup>2/</sup>
	<i>1,000 colonies</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>
1998	230	98	22,540	64	14,426	4,508
1999	228	102	23,256	53	12,326	4,186
2000	232	105	24,360	54	13,154	2,923
2001	220	100	22,000	64	14,080	3,432
2002	220	93	20,460	114	23,324	2,026
2003	210	71	14,910	132	19,681	1,491
2004	205	98	20,090	100	20,090	2,009
2005	160	86	13,760	86	11,834	2,477
2006	170	81	13,770	101	13,908	1,790
2007	160	71	11,360	99	11,246	1,363

<sup>1/</sup> Operations with 5 or more colonies.

<sup>2/</sup> Stocks in producers' hands.

**UNITED STATES:** Honey production in 2007 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 148 million pounds, down four percent from 2006. There were 2.44 million colonies producing honey in 2007, up two percent from 2006. Yield per colony averaged 60.8 pounds, down 6 percent from the 64.7 pounds in 2006. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, yields per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 52.5 million pounds on December 15, 2007, down 13 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

The 2007 all honey price was 103.2 cents, down slightly from 103.6 cents in 2006. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, cooperatives, and private channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2006 crop reflect honey sold in 2006 and 2007.

UNITED STATES: Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value and Stocks, 1998-2007

Year	Colonies of bees <sup>1/</sup>	Honey				
		Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound <sup>2/</sup>	Value	Stocks Dec 15 <sup>3/</sup>
	<i>1,000 colonies</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>
1998	2,633	83.7	220,316	65.5	147,254	80,808
1999	2,688	76.4	205,250	60.1	126,075	79,375
2000	2,620	84.1	220,339	59.7	132,742	85,328
2001	2,506	74.0	185,461	70.4	132,225	64,556
2002	2,574	66.7	171,718	132.7	228,338	39,393
2003	2,599	70.0	181,727	138.7	253,106	40,785
2004	2,556	71.8	183,582	106.9	196,259	61,222
2005	2,413	72.4	174,818	91.8	160,428	62,478
2006 <sup>4/</sup>	2,393	64.7	154,907	103.6	160,484	60,548
2007 <sup>5/</sup>	2,442	60.8	148,482	103.2	153,233	52,484

<sup>1/</sup> Operations with 5 or more colonies.

<sup>2/</sup> Weighted by reported sales.

<sup>3/</sup> Stocks in producers' hands.

<sup>4/</sup> Revised.

<sup>5/</sup> Preliminary.

UNITED STATES: Honey Prices by Color Class and Buyer, 2006 and 2007

Color class	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Cents per pound</i>					
Water white, extra white, and white	97.0	96.6	175.6	167.7	99.9	98.4
Extra light amber	94.0	95.1	176.0	178.5	104.0	102.3
Light amber, amber, and dark amber	86.7	92.7	201.7	207.5	106.3	109.1
All other honey, area specialties	114.0	135.6	231.9	289.3	163.2	174.4
All honey	94.0	95.6	192.0	196.1	103.6	103.2

HONEY: Number of Colonies, Production, Stocks, and Value, 2006-2007 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Number of colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Stocks Dec 15 <sup>2/</sup>		Average price per pound		Value of production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 colonies</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 pounds</i>				<i>Cents</i>		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
Alabama	11	11	72	56	792	616	230	209	133	141	1,053	869
Arizona	30	30	65	64	1,950	1,920	839	902	93	118	1,814	2,266
Arkansas	32	28	76	80	2,432	2,240	730	717	91	95	2,213	2,128
California	380	340	52	40	19,760	13,600	7,706	3,672	99	104	19,562	14,144
Colorado	36	33	75	51	2,700	1,683	1,458	892	110	112	2,970	1,885
<b>Florida</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>13,770</b>	<b>11,360</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,363</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>13,908</b>	<b>11,246</b>
Georgia	63	60	74	58	4,662	3,480	746	522	122	114	5,688	3,967
Hawaii	10	10	93	92	930	920	233	285	121	158	1,125	1,454
Idaho	95	92	44	41	4,180	3,772	2,592	1,848	100	108	4,180	4,074
Illinois	10	9	66	63	660	567	356	374	217	240	1,432	1,361
Indiana	6	7	54	51	324	357	107	100	158	139	512	496
Iowa	26	26	84	81	2,184	2,106	1,441	1,221	138	126	3,014	2,654
Kansas	14	14	55	40	770	560	246	196	122	112	939	627
Kentucky	5	4	56	61	280	244	70	54	220	208	616	508
Louisiana	30	29	90	89	2,700	2,581	675	413	90	108	2,430	2,787
Maine	11	9	23	26	253	234	86	59	161	139	407	325
Michigan	72	72	55	64	3,960	4,608	2,099	2,350	117	114	4,633	5,253
Minnesota	125	130	80	68	10,000	8,840	3,300	2,564	96	99	9,600	8,752
Mississippi	14	15	98	105	1,372	1,575	453	189	93	90	1,276	1,418
Missouri	15	13	46	47	690	611	117	141	105	105	725	642
Montana	132	135	79	68	10,428	9,180	1,981	2,203	96	94	10,011	8,629
Nebraska	47	45	73	49	3,431	2,205	3,843	1,477	94	98	3,225	2,161
Nevada	9	10	37	28	333	280	50	67	362	360	1,205	1,008
New Jersey	9	9	36	57	324	513	152	185	115	217	373	1,113
New Mexico	7	6	48	59	336	354	104	138	119	136	400	481
New York	60	56	64	57	3,840	3,192	2,458	1,947	130	142	4,992	4,533
North Carolina	10	11	50	45	500	495	215	69	158	225	790	1,114
North Dakota	350	420	74	74	25,900	31,080	7,770	9,013	92	92	23,828	28,594
Ohio	14	14	56	61	784	854	282	376	142	175	1,113	1,495
Oregon	46	44	48	43	2,208	1,892	729	1,041	106	121	2,340	2,289
Pennsylvania	28	25	40	42	1,120	1,050	605	326	163	163	1,826	1,712
South Dakota	225	255	47	52	10,575	13,260	10,575	10,608	95	93	10,046	12,332
Tennessee	7	7	55	65	385	455	58	114	186	195	716	887
Texas	82	105	70	82	5,740	8,610	976	1,550	91	95	5,223	8,180
Utah	23	25	50	39	1,150	975	265	224	101	112	1,162	1,092
Vermont	6	5	56	64	336	320	144	96	120	126	403	403
Virginia	8	6	42	46	336	276	114	63	227	235	763	649
Washington	49	46	52	44	2,548	2,024	1,605	648	125	125	3,185	2,530
West Virginia	5	5	42	48	210	240	57	79	202	196	424	470
Wisconsin	64	60	93	84	5,952	5,040	2,500	3,024	114	115	6,785	5,796
Wyoming	39	43	85	80	3,315	3,440	497	894	100	103	3,315	3,543
Other States <sup>3/</sup>	18	18	44	49	787	873	294	271	252	253	1,983	2,209
United States <sup>4/</sup>	2,393	2,442	64.7	60.8	154,907	148,482	60,548	52,484	103.6	103.2	160,484	153,233

<sup>1/</sup> 2005 data revised.  
<sup>2/</sup> Does not include stocks under loan.  
<sup>3/</sup> CT, DE, MD, NH, OK, RI, and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.  
<sup>4/</sup> U.S. price weighted by survey expanded sales.